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KENT

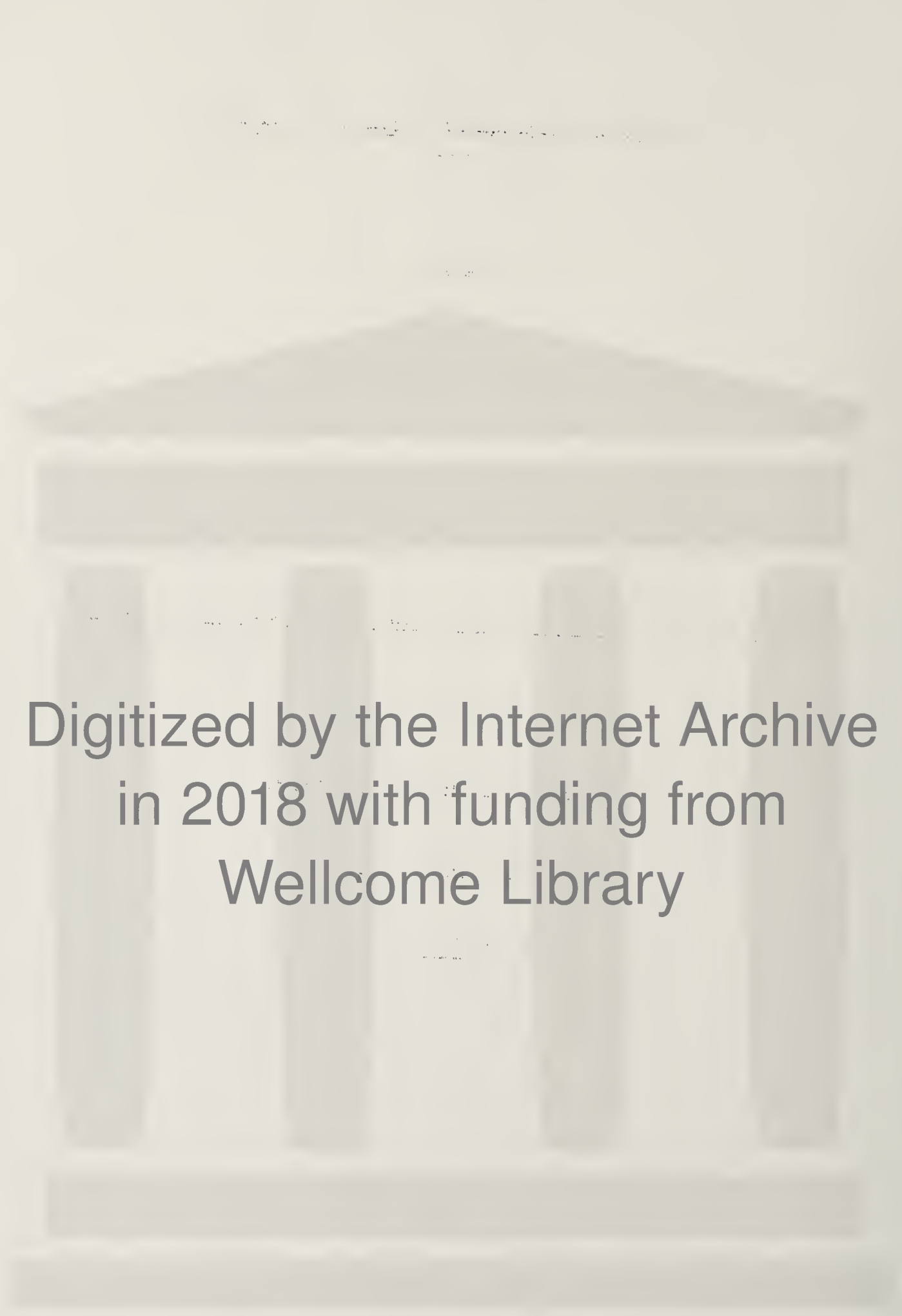
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of the Public Health Inspector for the Year 1967

Mr. Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year 1967.

Population

The Registrar-General's estimate of the mid-year Home Population was 3,620 which was an increase of 60 over that of the previous year.

Live Births and Birth Rate

The number of live births was 69 (38 M. 31 F.) which was a decrease of 9 from that of the previous year and the crude birth-rate was accordingly 19.1; after adjustment by the Registrar-General's Comparability factor which is computed from a population standardised for age and sex distribution and allows valid comparison with other Districts the rate becomes 21.58; this being higher than that of 17.2 for England and Wales.

Stillbirths and Rate

One stillbirth was registered and the corresponding rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births was 14.0 compared with that of 14.8 for England and Wales.

Infant Mortality and Rate

No infant deaths were registered. The Infantile Mortality Rate for England and Wales was 18.3.

Maternal Deaths and Mortality Rate

This rate was nil as there were no maternal deaths from Pregnancy, Childbirth or Abortion and is a general index of the high standard of modern obstetric practice.

Total Deaths and Death Rate

The total number of deaths from all causes was 24 (12 M. 12 F.) and the crude death rate was 6.6 which, after adjustment by the Registrar General's Comparability Factor, as for births, becomes 6.73, compared with that of 11.2 for England and Wales.

The chief group cause of deaths was from the natural causes of death amongst the aged, i.e. Heart and Circulatory Diseases and Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System, of which there were 13 in number.

Disease of the Coronary Artery of the Heart was the cause of 5 of those deaths, in the following age-groups, 1 between 55 - 64; 2 between 65 - 74 and 2 over 75 years.

Cancer, as invariably in previous years, was the second highest cause of deaths, of which there were 5 in the following age-groups; 4 between 65 - 74 and 1 over 75 years. In these days of modern treatment, the disease can be treated with success, if patients would consult their Doctors reasonably early, before the disease becomes too advanced.

Cancer of the Lung, Bronchus was the cause of 1(M) death in comparison with 4 in the previous year. The patient was in the 65 - 74 age-group.





The other causes of death were miscellaneous and there was no death due to Infectious Disease.

#### Measles

Thirty cases were notified compared with 153 in the previous year.

To-day the disease 'per se' is not serious and its formerly dangerous complications are becoming less frequent, if any do occur, they are usually treated successfully by Antibiotics, excepting Acute Encephalitis which is very rare.

#### Whooping Cough

Thirty cases of this distressful children's disease were notified. In view of the effectiveness of vaccination this number is rather unusual - there was none in the previous year.

#### Acute Primary or Influenzal Pneumonia

Three cases of this illness were notified. Including the secondary Pneumonias which are not notifiable there were no deaths. Pneumonia is a common terminal cause of death amongst the aged.

#### Scarlet Fever

There were fifteen cases notified. In its present phase, this infection is mild and its formerly serious complications are infrequent. If any do occur, treatment by the Antibiotics is usually successful.

#### Tuberculosis

One new case of Respiratory Tuberculosis was notified and the patient was in the 65+ age-group.

There was no new case of non-Respiratory Tuberculosis which is an evident index of the safety of the milk supplies.

Also there was no death which is a reflection of the efficaciousness of modern treatment.

In conclusion I would state that the Public Health of the District was very satisfactory throughout the year and I would like to thank you for your support of and interest in the Department and the Staff for their co-operation and efficiency.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

J. MARSHALL M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.



STATISTICAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE DISTRICT

FOR 1967

Area:- 1,514 acres

Registrar-General's Estimate of:-

The Resident Population	...	...	3,620
Number of Inhabited Houses According to the Rate Books			1,443
Rateable Value	...	...	£88,807
Sum Represented by a Penny Rate	...	...	£491

SOCIAL CONDITIONS

The ancient and historical Cinque Port of New Romney is today predominantly an Agricultural District. There are also within the Borough the workshops of the Romney, Hythe, Dymchurch Light Railway and a few small factories. Part of the boundary is formed by the sea at Littlestone and Greatstone where there are wide expanses of sand which attract many summer visitors and holiday-makers. There is almost no unemployment and social conditions may generally be regarded as being satisfactory.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

		<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>		<u>New Romney Borough</u>	<u>England and Wales</u>
1.	<u>Live Births</u>	69	38	31	Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	19.1 (Adjusted Rate 21.58)	17.2
	(a) Legitimate	64	37	27			
	(b) Illegitimate	5	1	4			
2.	<u>Stillbirths</u>	1	-	1	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births	14.0	14.8
	(a) Legitimate	1	-	1			
	(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-			
3.	<u>Total live and stillbirths</u>	70	38	32			
4.	<u>Deaths</u>	24	12	12	Death rate per 1,000 resident population	6.6 (Adjusted Rate 6.73)	11.2
5.	<u>Deaths from Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion</u>	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 (live and still) births	Nil	Not Available
6.	<u>Deaths of Infants under One Year of Age</u>	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 live births	Nil	19.1
	(a) Legitimate	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 legitimate live births	Nil	
	(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 illegitimate live births	Nil	
7.	<u>Perinatal Mortality (i.e. Stillbirths and Deaths under 4 weeks)</u>	1	-	1	Rate per 1,000 live births	14.0	25.4
	(a) Legitimate	1	-	1			
	(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-			
8.	<u>Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births</u>					4.25% <del>1.42%</del>	
9.	Deaths from Cancer (all ages)				...	...	5
	Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)				...	...	-
	Deaths from Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea				...	...	-
	Deaths from Measles				...	...	-

The following cases of infectious diseases were notified during the year:-

Scarlet Fever	...	...	15
Acute Primary or Influenzal Pneumonia	...	...	3
Measles	...	...	30
Whooping Cough	...	...	30



CAUSES OF DEATH IN NEW ROMNEY BOROUGH DURING

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ALL CAUSES				<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
				12	12
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	...	...	-	-
2.	Tuberculosis, other	...	...	-	-
3.	Syphilitic disease	...	...	1	-
4.	Diphtheria	...	...	-	-
5.	Whooping Cough	...	...	-	-
6.	Meningococcal infections	...	...	-	-
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	-	-
8.	Measles	...	...	-	-
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	...	...	-	-
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	-	-
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	...	...	1	-
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	...	-	-
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	...	-	-
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	...	...	3	1
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	...	-	-
16.	Diabetes	...	...	-	1
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	...	...	2	1
18.	Coronary disease, angina	...	...	1	4
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	-	-
20.	Other heart disease	...	...	1	2
21.	Other circulatory disease	...	...	1	1
22.	Influenza	...	...	-	-
23.	Pneumonia	...	...	-	-
24.	Bronchitis	...	...	1	-
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	-	-
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	-	-
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	...	-	-
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	...	...	-	-
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	-	-
30.	Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	...	...	-	-
31.	Congenital malformations	...	...	-	-
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	...	...	1	2
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	-	-
34.	All other accidents	...	...	-	-
35.	Homicide and operations of war	...	...	-	-
36.	Suicide	...	...	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality, 1967

<u>Age Periods</u>	<u>New Cases</u>			<u>Deaths</u>			<u>Total Cases on Register</u>		
	<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-Respiratory</u>	<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-Respiratory</u>	<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-Respiratory</u>
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	7	-
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and upwards	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

There were no deaths from Tuberculosis of patients who had not been notified as suffering from this disease.

IMMUNISATION

The following table shows the Poliomyelitis and Diphtheria immunisation figures for 1967 based on the return sent to the Ministry of Health.

<u>Year of Birth</u>	<u>Primary</u>			<u>Reinforcing</u>		
	<u>Poliomyelitis</u>	<u>Triple</u>	<u>Diph/Tet.</u>	<u>Poliomyelitis</u>	<u>Triple</u>	<u>Diph/Tet.</u>
1967	12	40	4	-	-	-
1966	52	38	7	-	1	-
1965	3	3	-	-	15	6
1964	5	-	-	-	22	5
1963	1	-	-	1	3	1
1960 - 1962	7	-	1	64	13	37
1951 - 1959	1	-	-	-	2	-
TOTAL	81	81	12	65	56	49

SMALLPOX VACCINATION

<u>PRIMARY VACCINATION</u> <u>1 YEAR</u>	<u>RE-VACCINATION</u> <u>SCHOOL AGE BUT UNDER 8 YEARS</u>
71	2



SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

The quantity of water supplied to the area is adequate and the supply is not plumbo-solvent.

(A) Examination of Water Supplies during the Year

	<u>Bacteriological Examination</u>			<u>Chemical Examination</u>		
	<u>No. of Samples</u>	<u>Satis- factory</u>	<u>Not Satis- factory</u>	<u>No. of Samples</u>	<u>Satis- factory</u>	<u>Not Satis- factory</u>
Statutory supply undertaking	-	-	-	-	-	-
Private sources piped to dwellings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other private sources	-	-	-	-	-	-

(B) (i) Number of dwellings not supplied by public water mains or other adequate piped supplies ... Nil

(ii) Number of dwellings in the area ... 1,439

(C) Brief details as to extensions of water mains during the year:-

To new dwellings only

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Reference to additions or improvements in respect of sewerage systems or sewage disposal works and also to new schemes constructed during the year:-

The consultants to the Council have now been asked to go to tender. They expect to be able to advise Council on accepted tender about August 1968.

FOOD (INCLUDING ICE CREAM AND MILK) AND FOOD PREARING PREMISES

- (i) (a) the number of food premises in the area ... 42
- (b) the number of food premises registered under Section 16 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955 ... 34
- (i) Retailers of Ice Cream ... 32
- (ii) Preparation and manufacture of Sausages and Preserved Foods etc. ... 2
- (c) the number of inspections of registered food premises ... 31
- (d) the method of disposal of condemned food - Disposal to Council tip.



FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Number of inspections of:-

Butchers and meat products manufacturers	...	4
Catering Establishment and Clubs	...	8
Dairies	...	2
Fish (including fried)	...	2
All other Food Premises	...	15

Number of Informal (including Verbal) Notices Served (Food and Drugs Act - Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955) 2

Number of Food Premises improved as a result of notices served 2

Inspection of Food and Food-Preparing Premises

Brief particulars of any action, including inspections of meat and other foods, slaughterhouses, stalls, vehicles and food-preparing places:-

Fried fish shop preparation room unsatisfactory and as a result of warning this is being rebuilt.

Warnings given to Grocery shops with particular reference to bacon cutting and packing.

(ii) Milk and Dairies

Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949 (Part III)

Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959 (Part III)

No. of registered distributors	...	6
No. of registered dairies	...	Nil

INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Unsound Food Surrendered

Meat Products	...	65 lbs.
Fish Products	...	29 "
Various	...	57 "
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		151 "
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PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING ACTS

Houses in Clearance Areas and Unfit Houses Elsewhere

A. <u>Houses demolished</u>			
In Clearance Areas (Housing Act 1957)		<u>Houses Demolished</u>	<u>Displaced during year</u> <u>Persons</u> <u>Families</u>
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation		-	-
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement		-	-
(3) Houses on land acquired under Section 43(2) Housing Act, 1957		-	-
Not in Clearance Areas			
(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17(1) Housing Act, 1957.		1	-

B. <u>Unfit Houses Closed</u>		<u>Number</u>
(5) Under Sections 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957.		1
(6) Under Sections 17(3) and 26 Housing Act, 1957		-
(7) Parts of buildings closed under (Section 18, Housing Act, 1957.		-
C. <u>Unfit Houses made fit and Houses in which defects were remedied</u>		
	<u>By Owner</u>	<u>By Local Authority</u>
(8) After informal action by local authority	10	-
(9) After formal notice under		
(a) Public Health Acts	1	-
(b) Sections 9 & 16 Housing Act, 1957	-	-
(10) Under Section 24 Housing Act, 1957	-	-
D. <u>Unfit Houses in temporary use (Housing Act, 1957)</u>		
<u>Position at end of year</u>	<u>No. of houses</u>	<u>Number of separate dwellings contained in column (1)</u>
	(1)	(2)
(11) Retained for temporary accommodation		
(a) Under Section 48	-	-
(b) Under Section 17(2)	-	-
(c) Under Section 46	-	-
(12) Licensed for temporary occupation under Section 34 or 53	1	1
E. <u>Purchase of Houses by agreement</u>		
	<u>No. of houses</u>	<u>Number of occupants of houses in column (1)</u>
	(1)	(2)
(13) Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders purchased in the year.	-	-

IMPROVEMENTS AND CONVERSIONS

GRANTS

No. of schemes submitted during the year	7
No. of grants paid on completion of work during the year	7
Total Cost of Grants	£965
Total Cost of works completed during the year	£3,616
No. of houses completed during the year	7
Outstanding grants approved but not yet paid	2



INSPECTIONS - Summary of inspections made:-

Public Health Act, 1936 and Housing Act, 1957

Number of inspections of dwellings re repairs	582
Number of dwellings made fit	174
Number of inspections for purposes of Sections 16/17 Housing Act. (Demolition and Closing Orders)	5
Number of inspections of clearance areas	-
Number of inspections for general survey and assessment	21

Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958

Housing Subsidies and Standard Grant

Number of inspections in connection with Improvement and Standard Grants	14
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Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954 and Rents Act, 1957

Number of inspections re Certificates of Disrepair	Nil
Number of inspections re Certificates as to Remedying of Defects	Nil

Housing (general)

Number of inspections re housing applications	5
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Public Health Act

Number of inspections re:-

Tents, Vans and Sheds	10
Aged and Infirm Persons	2
Vermin	-
Dirty Houses	-
Offensive accumulations	2
Offensive Odours	3
Nuisance from keeping of Animals	2

NOTICES SERVED

	<u>Informal</u>	<u>Formal</u>
Public Health Acts	23	1
Housing Acts	-	1

HOUSING

(i) No. of families on Council's waiting list at the end of year	61
(ii) No. of Council houses built during the year	Nil
(iii) No. of Private houses built during the year	4

CARAVAN SITES

<u>Names and addresses of Licensed Sites</u>	<u>No. of Caravans on each site</u>	<u>Estimated Permanent Population</u>
New Romney Caravan Site, Clark Road, Greatstone	154	Nil

CESSPOOL EMPTYING

Two cesspool emptiers remain in almost constant service throughout the year.

DRAINAGE

Total number of inhabited houses (including Flats) is	...	1,443
Total number of houses connected to the sewers	...	797
Number of houses not connected to the sewers	...	646
Number of houses connected to cesspools	...	626
Number of houses with pail closets	...	20

REFUSE COLLECTIONS AND DISPOSAL

There are four loaders and one driver to refuse vehicle. Collections are carried out at weekly intervals throughout the year and there have been no complaints. Part of a Council Estate is on the paper sack system.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 to 1959

1. Inspections for purposes of provision as to health  
(including inspection made by Public Health Inspector)

Premises	Number on Reg- ister	Number of		
		Inspec- tions	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
i) Factories in which Section 1,2,3,4, and 6, are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1	1	-	-
ii) Factories not included in (i) which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	6	8	-	-
iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-
Total	7	9	-	-

2. Cases in which defects were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspec- tor	By H.M. Inspec- tor	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	1	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	1	-	-	-	-

Part VIII of the Act - Outwork - Section 110 and 111

There are no Outworkers employed in the Borough.



MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FOOD

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

	TYPE OF PROPERTY	
	NON- AGRICULTURAL	AGRICULTURAL
PROPERTIES OTHER THAN SEWERS		
i. Number of properties in district	1,683	2
ii. (a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	83	-
.... Number infested by (i) Rats 64		-
(ii) Mice 9		-
iii. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	574	2
(b) Number infested by		
(i) Rats 3		-
(ii) Mice -		-

